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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

FOR THE

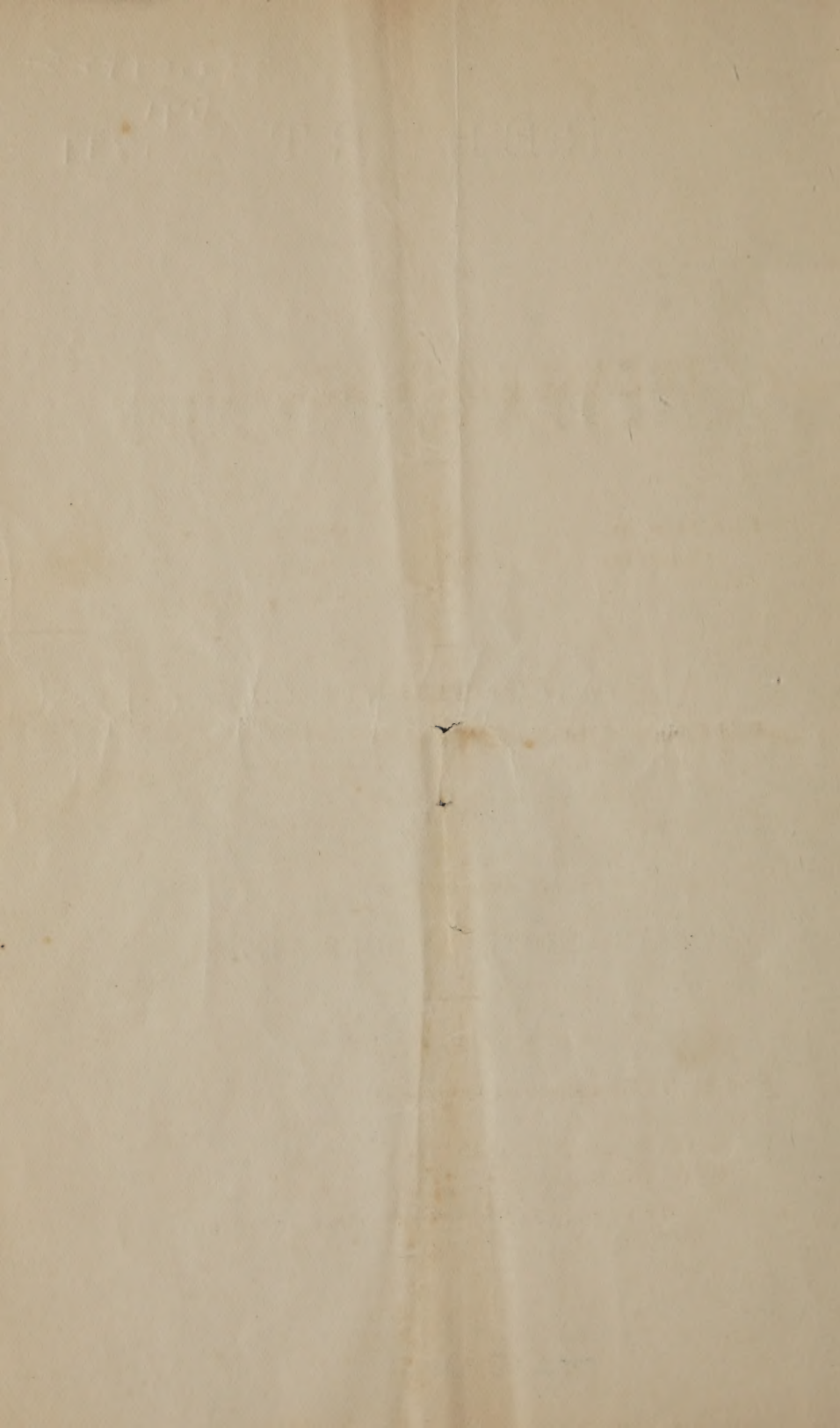
YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1877.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid State tax,	\$768 00	
County tax,	435 27	
	<hr/>	\$1,203 27

PAUPERS.

Paid County of Hillsborough, support of P. G. Melvin,	\$130 72	
G. B. Griffin, goods for Hazzard family,	22 62	
E. Pike, keeping tramps,	10 00	
R. McQuesten, physician for Haz- zard family,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$167 34

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Dr. H. Eaton, medical services for Mr. Snell,	\$2 25	
L. Hardy, medicine for Mr. Snell,	1 50	
G. B. Griffin, goods " "	2 74	
S. Chase, carrying Mr. Snell to Nashua,	1 50	

Paid G. B. Griffin, goods for Mr. Marshall,	7 40	
N. C. Griffin, services tendered Marshall,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 39

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$168 00	
" " " 2,	212 00	
" " " 3,	208 00	
" " " 4,	86 73	
" " " 5,	21 00	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid I. N. Center, Town Clerk,	\$12 00	
S. Chase, 1st Selectman,	35 00	
N. C. Griffin, 2d "	30 00	
G. M. Reid, 3d "	25 00	
I. McQuesten, Treasurer,	10 00	
N. C. Griffin, Collector of taxes, 1876,	35 00	
M. Abbie Center, Superintending School Committee,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$162 00

REPAIRING BRIDGE OVER CORNING BROOK.

Paid S. J. Corning, for work, stone and board,	\$58 00	
G. M. Reid, for work and lumber,	57 40	
S. Chase, " " " "	16 30	
N. C. Griffin " " " "	10 25	

Paid H. W. McQuesten, for work,	\$9 00	
Mrs. C. Griffin, for plank,	3 64	
S. Center, work,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$187 59

REPAIRING AND BREAKING ROADS.

Paid H. W. McQuesten,	\$104 00	
“ “ “	30 53	
C. Adams,	160 00	
J. Annis,	4 00	
N. P. Bullock,	2 00	
J. Annis, for gravel,	10 20	
W. Goodspeed, for gravel,	12 60	
G. M. Reid, for plank,	3 89	
W. Flanders,	1 50	
L. Hardy,	1 42	
	<hr/>	\$330 14

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid M. V. B. Greene, printing re- ports, 1876,	\$13 33	
D. Bradt, damage to carriage,	5 50	
S. Chase, for stationery,	2 75	
G. M. Reid, paid surveyor for per- ambulating town lines,	4 00	
N. C. Griffin, abatement of G. Ela's tax,	1 00	
N. C. Griffin, abatement of C. S. Nesmith's tax,	2 50	
N. C. Griffin, abatement of E. L. Gay's tax,	1 91	
	<hr/>	\$30 99

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County tax,	\$1,203 27	
Paupers,	167 34	
County paupers,	17 39	
School districts,	695 73	
Town officers,	162 00	
Repairing bridge,	157 59	
Highways and breaking roads,	330 14	
Sundry bills,	30 99	
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By cash received of N. C. Griffin, Col- lector 1875,	\$200 00	
Cash in Treasury, 1875,	356 48	
Received of N. C. Griffin, Collector of taxes 1876,	1,143 47	
Railroad tax,	112 27	
Savings Bank tax,	731 68	
Literary Fund,	27 00	
County of Hillsborough,	986 00	
	<u>2,586</u>	\$2,580 76
Whole amount paid by Treasurer,	\$2,764 45	
Whole amount received,	2,580 76	
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Due Treasurer,		\$183 69
Due from the County of Hillsboro',		12 00
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Total liabilities of the town,		\$171 69

ISAAC McQUESTEN,

Treasurer.

We, the Selectmen, have examined the above report of the Treasurer, and find it a true report of the financial affairs of the town to the best of our knowledge.

SAMUEL CHASE,
NORRIS C. GRIFFIN,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The number of children between the ages of five and seventeen in the town of Litchfield, as enumerated by the Selectmen in April, 1876, is as follows : males, 24 ; females 23.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JAMES MCQUESTEN, *Prudential Committee.*

The school was under the instruction of Miss Julia A. Bixby during the school year, a teacher of much experience, and one with whom the people of this place are well acquainted, as she has taught in nearly all the districts of this town. She always appears interested in her employment, and assiduous in her duties as a teacher. During the first term Eliza K. Parker, Edith R. Leach and Ednah L. Leach were not absent nor tardy. George D. McQuesten was not absent. During the second term Georgia M. Saunders, Eliza K. Parker, Edith R. Leach and George D. McQuesten were perfect in attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GERMAN KENDALL, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught by Miss Mary W. Griffin, whose qualifications for teaching were unquestioned, and whose labors were well directed and unremitting. Improvement was visible in all the branches taught. We add the following remarks from the teacher's register. "The school, although numerically small, would take a high rank among the district schools of New Hampshire as regards the ability and proficiency of its members. A large proportion of the absences may be credited to the snow." Isaac N. Center, Jr., is reported as perfect in attendance during the year, except five days' absence on account of illness. Selah C. Bixby perfect in attendance during the Summer and Fall terms. The most improvement in Penmanship, during the Summer term, was made by Isaac N. Center, Jr., and during the Winter the most improvement was made by Walter McQuesten, Orville D. Annis, Addie G. Marsh and Mary L. Marsh. Isaac N. Center was perfect in Spelling. Selah C. Bixby, Orville D. Annis and Isaac N. Center *stood at the head of the class, ten times each, in Spelling.*

DISTRICT NO. 3.

F. C. BARRETT, *Prudential Committee.*

Miss Clarinda H. Jewell of Manchester, a young teacher without previous experience, taught the Summer term of this school. When visited, the school appeared to be making fair progress. Was not present at the examination. The Fall and Winter terms of this school were intrusted to the charge of Miss Emma J. Mears of Manchester. Although the work of teaching was new to Miss M. she entered into it with spirit and a determination to succeed. Much attention was given to Penmanship, and a good deal of progress made, particularly among the younger members. Punctuation received some attention. A class of five boys are reported as having not missed in Spelling during the Winter term. The people of the district seemed to be well pleased with her services.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

C. H. McQUESTEN, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught in two terms by Miss Isabel McQuesten of this town.

The examination at the close of the Summer term was quite creditable to both teacher and pupils.

The several classes in Reading deserve to be mentioned as making some degree of advancement. A class in History recited well. Was not present at the close of the Fall term.

Map drawing has been successfully taught in most of the schools, and some of the pupils have become quite expert, the maps shown being well executed.

A pleasant school-room is an essential requirement. Most of the school-rooms have been neatly "trimmed," and some of them have been decorated with appropriate mottoes and also by pictures. District No. 3 has undertaken to beautify their grounds by planting trees. The platform has been repaired in District No. 2. These school-houses, Nos. 2 and 3, are now in a pretty good condition, and we would ask the other districts if it would not be for the interest of all concerned to make theirs equally as good. Will they not earnestly consider the matter?

Your Committee would congratulate the people of this town upon the prosperity of our schools. We do not claim that any are perfect, but we do know that they will compare very favorably with those of adjoining towns.

In conclusion, we would tender our thanks to the parents and other citizens who have encouraged the schools by occasional visits.

The above, with the following Statistical Table, is respectfully submitted.

M. ABBIE CENTER,

School Committee.

Litchfield, March 3, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE--STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Kind of Term.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks of School.	Whole Number of Scholars.												No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Composition.	History.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-Keeping.	Average Attendance.	Visits by Citizens.	Wages of Teacher per Mo.
1	Summer.	Miss Julia A. Bixby,	11	12	12	12	7	9	6	3	5	1																	\$20 00		
1	Fall.	" " "	10	12	12	12	7	9	7	3	5																		20 00		
1	Winter.	" " "	10	14	14	11	10	10	9	2	5																		20 00		
2	Summer.	Miss Mary W. Griffin,	8	10	10	10	9	9	5	4	7																		26 00		
2	Fall.	" " "	10	12	12	11	11	11	3	7	8																		28 00		
2	Winter.	" " "	11	1-5	11	11	11	11	4	6	7																		32 00		
3	Summer.	Miss Clarinda H. Jewell,	9	13	13	13	7	11	6	4	1																		24 00		
3	Fall.	Miss Emma J. Mears,	10	15	15	15	9	12	6	5	4																		28 00		
3	Winter.	" " "	10	15	15	15	11	14	9	10	4																		28 00		
4	Summer.	Miss Isabella McQuesten,	7	8	8	8	4	6	5	1	1																		*16 00		
4	Fall.	" " "	13	8	8	8	4	6	5	1	1																		16 00		

*Exclusive of Board.